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Greetings Sir Knights:

Here it is Spring already (almost), and the days are getting longer. I am looking forward to visiting more Commanderies in March and April, and then getting ready for Grand Sessions in May.

It is time for each Commandery to start making plans for their Easter Observance, which is a required Observance for Knights Templar. Easter this year is on April 17th. For those who are able to attend, the Easter Observance hosted by the Grand Encampment is scheduled for April 17th at the Hilton Crystal City Hotel in Virginia. Information is available on the Grand Encampment website.

Tacoma Chapter No. 4 hosted the conferral of the Chapter Degrees on February 19th. I was very pleased that we had 12 candidates go through the degrees to become Royal Arch Masons. Tacoma Council No. 1 will host the conferral of the Council degrees on Saturday March 19th beginning at 1:30PM. I hope all of the new Royal Arch Masons will also be able to receive the Council degrees.

Before I leave office in May, we plan to confer the Commandery Orders on Saturday, April 30th, beginning at about 8:00AM. This will be hosted by Ivanhoe Commandery No. 4.

I encourage you to bring up the advantages of the York Rite with your Blue Lodge Brethren who have not yet taken advantage of the additional Light in Freemasonry offered by associated Masonic Bodies and Rites. Again, I encourage Companions and Sir Knights to take advantage of the educational opportunity of the Companion Adept of the Temple Program offered by the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

I encourage you to keep in touch with all members of your Commanderies on a regular basis by whatever means possible. By keeping in touch and informing them of activities they will feel as though they are valued even if they cannot attend.

With the restrictions of the pandemic being lifted, I am looking forward to more socializing with my Brothers, Companions and Sir Knights. I wish you all the very best.

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